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SUBJECT: CALLS AT ALGERIAN AND MOROCCAN PORTS BY U.S.
FLAG VESSELS

1. IN LIGHT OF CURRENT POLITICAL/MILITARY SITUATION BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA, LYKES BROS. STEAMSHIP CO., U.S. FLAG OPERATOR, HAS APPROACHED DEPARTMENT(EB/TT/MA) SEEKING ADVICE REGARDING FUTURE CALLS BY ITS VESSELS AT MOROCCAN AND/OR ALGERIAN PORTS. LYKES IS CONCERNED SINCE ITS VESSELS EACH CALL UPON THE PORTS OF ALGERIA AND MOROCCO DURING SAME VOYAGE AND AT TIMES CARRY MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND/OR HARDWARE BOUND FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. ACCORDINGLY, LYKES IS NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE ALGERIAN-BOUND MILITARY TYPE CARGOES ON ITS VESSELS IN MORROCCAN PORTS IF MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES FIND THAT SITUATION SUFFICIENT FOR SEIZURE OF VESSEL AND/OR CARGO; NOR WOULD LYKES WISH TO HAVE ITS VESSELS CALL AT ALGERIAN PORTS WITH MOROCCAN-BOUND MILITARY CARGOES SHOULD A SIMILAR POSITION BE TAKEN BY THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT.

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2. ADDRESSEES ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPART-

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MENT OF THEIR EVALUATIONS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION SO THAT A RESPONSE MAY BE GIVEN TO LYKES. AT EMBASSIES' DISCRETION, EMBOFFS MAY RAISE SUBJECT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT IF

ADDRESSEES FEEL IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE ACTUAL HOST GOVERNMENT POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE OTHER STATE IN VIEW OF CURRENT RELATIONSHIP, BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO.

3. LYKES INFORMS DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS VESSELS AT BERTHS IN U.S. NOW LOADING AND WOULD DESIRE SOONEST RESPONSE SO THAT SCHEDULING CAN BE SET. KISSINGER

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